

Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Conservancy
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Project Goals for 2018

Delta Marketing Plan Implementation	Timeline	Status	Notes
Recreation map	Qtr 2	On Track	Completion expected by September, 2018.
Signage Plan	Qtr 2	Complete	Completed June 30, 2018.
Release visitors survey	Qtr 3	Delay Possible	Not yet started. May be delayed due to vacancy.
Develop guidelines/social media policy for web site	Qtr 3	Delayed	Not yet started. May be delayed due to vacancy.
Fabrication and placement of limited number of signs	Qtr 4	On Track	\$50,000 added to interagency agreement with the Delta Protection Commission to fabricate and install additional signs.
Seek and pursue funding to support plan implementation; and recreation, tourism, and historical preservation projects	Ongoing	On Track	Proposiiton 68 provides funding to further this goal. Working with Delta Protection Commission to identify priorities.
Define emerging priorities with Delta Marketing Task Force	Ongoing	On Track	Ongoing. Currently no emerging priorities.
Update and develop content for visitCADelta.com	Ongoing	On Track	Support Delta Protection Commission which has taken on primary responsibility.
Potential transition of website management to Delta Marketing Task Force	Ongoing	On Track	Remains a goal, but to date, Task Force has not had the capacity to take this on.

Agricultural Sustainability Analysis	Timeline	Status	Notes
Work with county representatives to establish an advisory group	Qtr 3	On Track	Initial meeting with farmers convened July 19, 2018.
Develop scope of work and funding requirements	Qtr 4	On Track	Determined after initial meetings.
Develop support contracts and initiate planning effort	2019	On Track	Will be begin after group is established.

Ecosystem Restoration and Water Quality Grant Program	Timeline	Status	Notes
Award Cycle 3 (FY17-18) Grants	Qtr 1	Complete	Awarded March 2018.
Plan Cycle 4 (FY18-19) Grants	Qtr 3	Complete	Grant guidelines are open for public comment. Aticipate finalizing guidelines and completing planning process as of the July Board meeting.
Cycle 4 Concept Proposal Solicitation	Qtr 3	On Track	Concept proposal solicitation August 1-31 2018.
Cycle 4 Full Proposal Solicitation	Qtr 4	On Track	Full Proposal solicitation October 22 thorough December 18, 2018.

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Invasive Species Coordination, Control, and Restoration	Timeline	Status	Notes
Complete restoration of ~18 acres native riparian habitat along Ulatis Creek	Qtr 1	Complete	Final planting and other restoration activities have been completed. Maintenance continues as needed.
Secure funding for Phase 2	Qtr 1	Delayed	Dept. of Water Resources funding for Phase 2 is no longer available. Alternative funding sources and partnerships are being explored.
Maintain/monitor control and restoration sites in Cache Slough Complex	Ongoing	On Track	Monitoring, weed control, and replanting activities continue as necessary at the restored Peterson Ranch drainage corridor and Emigh Livestock/Ulatis Creek sites.
Establish new sites & partners for chemical or biological control of Arundo	Ongoing	On Track	New biocontrol sites identified at the Port of Stockton and the Tracy Fish Collection Facility and permits are being sought.
Facilitate quarterly DIISC meetings	Ongoing	On Track	Quarterly meetings held in March and May, scheduled for August , and planned for November, 2018
Suisun Marsh Water Infrastructure Improvements Assessment	Timeline	Status	Notes
Complete landowner outreach and infrastructure surveys	Qtr 2	Delayed	Landowner outreach by Suisun RCD has been completed. Surveys on water infrastructure locations, dimensions, and conditions conducted by Suisun RCD and California Waterfowl Association have been completed on all property parcels in Phase 1, 95% of the property parcels in Phase 2, and 50% of the property parcels in Phase 3. Survey completion has been delayed by challenges in contacting landowners and receiving responses.
Develop prioritization model and prioritized improvements	Qtr 3	On Track	Model development began in June, 2018 and is on schedule to be completed by the end of July, 2018.
Complete final report	Qtr 4	On Track	Report to be completed by 10/31/2018.
Regional Planning	Timeline	Status	Notes
Work with Cache Slough partners to develop Phase II SOW	Qtr 1	Inactive	Partners working with CA Natural Resources Agency and Department of Water Resources to address near-term projects.

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Complete Scope of Work and initiate corridor strategy development process	Qtr 1	Ongoing	Contract executed. Public workshop held on June 6. Two day charrette scheduled for August 8 and 9.
Initiate Phase II of Cache Slough Effort	Qtr 2	Inactive	Partners working with CA Natural Resources Agency and Department of Water Resources to address near-term projects.
Continue to Convene publically owned/finance land owners	Ongoing	Ongoing	Landowners continue to meet in support of the corridor strategy development.

Land Ownership and Management	Timeline	Status	Notes
Identify interested stakeholders and solicit input	Qtr 2	Altered	Program and Policy Subcommittee recommended development of an annotated outline of an informational paper to be discussed at the August PPS meeting.
Develop draft ownership/management principles and resource requirements	Qtr 3	Ongoing	Will be incorporated into draft informational paper.
Present information to the Board	Ongoing		Update likely at September 2018 Board meeting.

Delta Carbon Projects	Timeline	Status	Notes
Develop framework for identifying priority areas for pilot projects	Qtr 2	Complete	Publically owned lands on deeply subsided islands provide sufficient priority area of pilot project development.
Work with DWR to develop carbon credit sale agreements for existing managed wetlands on Sherman and Twichtell Islands	Qtr 3	Ongoing	Working to procure project validation/verification services and develop credit sale agreements.
Secure funding to support future projects	Qtr 4	Ongoing	Efforts to secure Greenhouse Gas Reduction Funds for a Delta subsidence reversal program have not been successful.

Project Tracking/Reporting and Data Integration/Access	Improved	Timeline	Status	Notes
Develop new capabilities to improve performance measures		Qtr 2	On Track	Reporting fields for tracking target and actual performance measure information were
Develop a Bay-Delta habitat mapping workgroup		Qtr 3	Complete	The workgroup, comprised of state and federal agencies, was established and had an initial meeting in June 2018.
Update and apply DARI mapping standard operating procedures (SOP)		Qtr 4	Altered	The Implementation Plan was developed prior to the contract and anticipated an earlier projection. The contract is projecting a completion date of June 2010.

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New: Design, organize and facilitate two workshops to receive input from various groups on the structure of a Delta Science Tracker to compile and display science and research data related to the ecosystem of the Delta.	Qrt 4	On Track	A contract with the Aquatic Science Center will be executed in July 2018. The first Workshop will be scheduled in Oct/Nov 2018.
Work with restoration project managers to enter or update project information in EcoAtlas	Ongoing	On Track	Outreach to state agencies currently using EcoAtals and to broader audience through California Water Quality Monitoring Council meeting is complete. Updates to project information in EcoAtals continues.

Water Quality Monitoring and Assessment	Timeline	Status	Notes
Develop a 3-year monitoring plan for Stone Lakes National Wildlife Refuge	Qtr 1	Complete	A 3-year monitoring plan was completed in April 2018. The Sacramento County Sanatition District will provide analytical laboratory services
Develop a monitoring plan for Yolo Basin	Qtr 1	Complete	Monitoring plan was developed in January 2018. Yolo Basin Foundation conducted water quality monitoring in June
Continue coordination with watershed organizations: develop monitoring plans for watersheds to increase consistency in data collection and reporting	Ongoing	On Track	Conservancy staff is developing a compendium of existing state monitoring protocols and data systems to improve consistency in conducting and tracking environmental monitoring.
Identify & secure funding for implementation of best management practices	Ongoing	Complete	State Water Resources Control Board awarded the Conservancy \$399,000 to implement best management practices to address pesticide use and handling to improve water quality. Provided US EPA issues the necessary funds to the Water Board, work is anticipated to begin in early 2019.

Delta Waterway Cleanups	Timeline	Status	Notes
Track litter trends over time at specific sites	Ongoing	On Track	Working with HammerDirt California to track amounts and types of trash.
Biannual clean-ups and environmental education at 3 sites	Q2 & Q3	On Track	April 2018: Completed cleanup at 3 sites to remove approximately 4,000 lbs of trash with the help of about 100 volunteers. September 2018: Cleanup planned for 3 sites.

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Assist Yolo Resource Conservation District (YRCD) to secure landowner access affidavits for tire removal	Qtr 4	Complete	Affidavits were secured for Phase 1 and work is complete (168 tires, 30 gallons of hazardous waste, 600 lbs of household waste, and more removed).
Assist YRCD submit request to extend CalRecycle grants	Qtr 4	On Track	All Phase 1 funds were used, so no extension needed. Obtaining authorizations from landowners for Phase 2 work has been challenging, but progress is being made.
Expand number of clean-up sites and number of volunteers	Ongoing	On Track	A new site will likely be added in Locke in 2019.

Environmental Education and Outreach	Timeline	Status	Notes
Produce Project WET (Water Education for Teachers) educational materials	Ongoing	On Track	Project WET produced environmental education materials for teacher workshops and will continue to develop educational materials in 2018
Develop other environmental education materials and hold environmental education events	As needed	On Track	No environment education events are currently scheduled in 2018
Support Delta water tours and executive briefing	Ongoing	On Track	The Water Summit (formerly the Executive Briefing) was held in May 2018. The Delta tour will be held in fall 2018.
Develop fact sheets for Proposition 1 and other Conservancy programs	Ongoing	On Track	Fact sheets completed for four Proposition 1 projects. At least one additional fact sheet will be completed in the coming year.
WEF workshop(s) and related white papers	Ongoing	Complete	A white paper (a user's guide to Delta Renewed) distributed by Aquatic Science Center, through the Water Education Foundation and the Delta Conservancy to various Delta stakeholders.
Educational outreach in schools	Ongoing	On Track	Participation with the Students and Landowners Education and Watershed Stewardship (SLEWS) program. Run by the Center for Land Based Learning, SLEWS brings students from Winters High School to restoration sites on three days throughout the school-year to participate in environmental education activities on ecology and restoration, and habitat restoration tasks such as irrigation system setup and the planting of native grasses, shrubs, and trees.

Mercury Exposure Reduction Program	Timeline	Status	Notes
Hire a community coordinator	Qtr 1	Complete	A community coordinator was hired May 2018
Create and convene stakeholder meetings	Qtr 2	Delayed	A stakeholder meeting will be scheduled in October/November 2018

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Coordinate and post advisories	Ongoing	On Track	Fish advisory signs have been posted in almost 50 locations. Posting will continue in the five Delta counties
Implement exposure reduction activities	Ongoing	On Track	Working with First5 organizations to incorporate MERP messages to their ongoing community programs

Administration	Timeline	Status	Notes
Proposition 1 grant acquisitions process and template	Quarter 1	Delayed	Vacancy of Administration supervisor has caused delay. Anticipate completing August 2018
Staff engagement survey	Quarter 1	Delayed	Vacancies have caused delay. Anticipate completing September 2018
Identify critical processes, knowledge, and expertise and develop risk management plan	Quarter 3	On Track	Some critical processes have been identified. Completion may be delayed.
Prioritize and develop new/update existing policies and procedures	Quarter 4	On Track	Initial assessment of existing policies and need to update or create new policies has begun.
Analyze and streamline accounting practices	Quarter 4	On Track	Initiated discussions with CA Natural Resources Agency Fi\$Cal consultant regarding more fully utilizing Fi\$Cal and decreasing dependence on accounting systems outside of Fi\$Cal.
Financial Reporting (such as Governor's budget building, bond accountability reporting, update System for Award Management, Indirect Cost Rate Proposal)	Ongoing	On Track	Despite significant vacancies, reporting has been completed on time. However, this has been done at the cost of higher level program and policy development.
Human resource related mandates (such as establishing a Disability Advisory Committee, Job Action Contingency Plan, Workforce Plan, Succession Plan, Upward Mobility Program)	Ongoing	On Track	Despite significant vacancies, reporting has been completed on time. However, this has been done at the cost of higher level program and policy development.
Various other administrative requirements (Such as State Agency Recycle Campaign and State Agency Reporting System reports, Contracting Activity Report and Improvement Plans, State Leadership Accountability Report)	Ongoing	On Track	Despite significant vacancies, reporting has been completed on time. However, this has been done at the cost of higher level program and policy development.